

LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **December 13, 2005**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 2

CONSENT: **X**

REGULAR:

CLOSED SESSION:

(Confidential)

ACTION: **X**

INFORMATION:

ITEM TITLE: **Litter Control Grant Award**

RECOMMENDATION: Amend the FY 2006 Solid Waste Management Operating Fund budget and appropriate \$13,437 with resources of \$13,437 from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality for ongoing litter control and recycling activities for FY 2006.

SUMMARY: This funding has been directed to the Citizens for a Clean Lynchburg, Inc. (CCL) organization for over ten years. CCL provides supplemental support in terms of fund-raising by volunteer groups and coordination of various community-wide efforts to combat littering and encourage recycling (i.e.: March on Litter, City Walkers, and education programs for City schools, etc.). In addition, CCL activities include public relations, community education, and publications to promote citizen awareness of the need for greater litter control and improved recycling.

PRIOR ACTION (S): Finance Committee, December 6, 2005

FISCAL IMPACT: No impact will be incurred to the Budget due to 100% funding of the grant by the Department of Environmental Quality.

CONTACT(S): David A. Owen, Director, Waste Management Division - 455-6078

ATTACHMENT(S): Resolution
Department of Environmental Quality Award Letter

REVIEWED BY: lkp

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED That the FY 2006 Solid Waste Management Operating Fund budget is amended and \$13,437 is appropriated to the Solid Waste Management Operating Fund, with full reimbursement from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, for the continuation of litter control and recycling activities.

Introduced:

Adopted:

Certified:

Clerk of Council

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September 9, 2005

Mr. Kenneth G. Smith
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Dear Mr. Smith:

I am pleased to inform you that a new grant award of \$ 13,437 has been approved for the **City of Lynchburg and Citizens for a Clean Lynchburg, Inc.** for the Litter Prevention and Recycling Program activities for the period July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006. A payment for this amount should be received within the next two weeks if funds can be transferred electronically (EDI) or in thirty days if processing by check is required. You also indicated on your Accounting Report that you have \$ 673 in unspent Carry-Forward Funds, for a total, then, of \$ 14,110 available to you this year.

Please note that your grant amount reflects a large increase over previous years (52% statewide average). This increase is due to:

1. a large increase in litter tax collections in FY 2005 over previous years (24%)
2. the 2005 General Assembly did not limit grant funding for FY 2006, as it did in the previous 2 years
3. the Litter Control and Recycling Fund Advisory Board reallocated all previously unspent funds (competitive grants, litter campaign, etc.) to locality grants for FY 2006.

Please be aware that this increase in grant amounts to localities may not be sustained in future grant cycles. For example, in FY 2007, there will be no unspent grant monies to reallocate and it is unknown if the large increase in litter tax collections will occur again this year.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Steve Coe at (804) 698-4029 or Sheila Barnett at (804) 698-4055. Their respective email addresses are gscoc@deq.state.va.us and smbarnett@deq.state.va.us.

Sincerely,

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Environmental Program Manager

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